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[54]	LIGHT ILLUMINATING ASSEMBLIES FOR
	WEARING APPAREL

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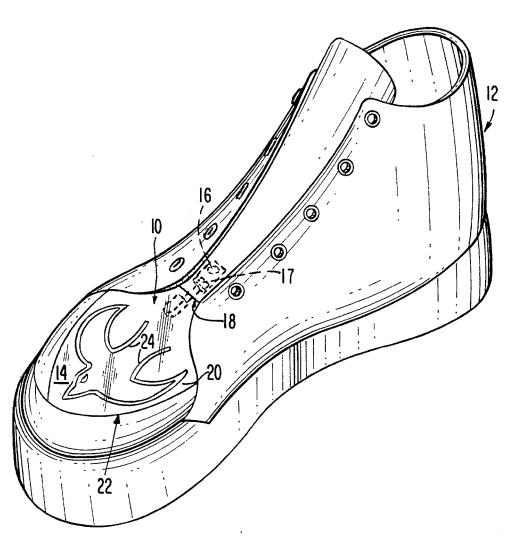
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[57] ABSTRACT

An article of wearing apparel defines a curved mounting surface when worn and includes a decorative, illuminatable assembly affixed over the mounting surface. The decorative assembly includes a soft, flexible panel member having an upper surface, a lower surface, and a peripheral edge surface. The flexible panel member is sufficiently flexible to conform to the curvature of the mounting surface by hand pressure alone and is substantially comprised of a transparent or a translucent material. The flexible panel member defines a cavity in communication with the peripheral edge surface, which cavity is dimensioned and arranged to receive at least one light emitting element. The lower surface of the panel member causes a decorative pattern of refractive grooves dimensioned and arranged to reflect light propagating through the panel member in a plane disposed between its upper and lower surfaces.

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